opportunities to fast learners, a programme of accelerated learning for gifted children has been introduced by the Kendriya Vidyalayas. The activities undertaken in this programme are observation of the immediate environment, exploration of the distant environment through field trips, reading of extra books, preparation of hand written magazines, investigatory projects and reports on various aspects of educational and cultural interest, discussion and preparation of question-answers on various topics, quiz programmes and dramatisation of stories, poems etc. Activities like reading for pleasure, preparation of scrap books, creative writing, visits, excursions and surveys followed by reports are also undertaken by students during vacations and breaks. Parental cooperation in academic and cocurricular programmes is aslo sought by the school.

In regard to the physically handicapped children, there is no special provision and class-room instruction is provided to them alongwith other children. However, with a view to help academically backward children a programme has been implemented in Kendriya Vidyalayas. The programme for these children consists of identification of crucial areas, contact with parents, providing remedial instruction in various subjects, etc. The students also take up simple project learning of simple poems, reading of books, preparation of questions and answers followed by revision exercises. Bright children help these children in learning various subjects. Activities like reading for pleasure, preparation of scrap books, etc. are also taken up by the students during vacation and breaks.

Boycott by teachers of silver jubilee function of Kendriya Vidyalayas

285. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item which appeared in the Delhi edition of the Patriot dated the 12th April, 1989 entitled "Teachers to boycott jubilee function"; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government and Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan had invited the president and General Secretary of the four recognised service associations (including AIKVTA) and the Principals' Forum to participate in the programmes for the Silver Jubilee of setting up of Kendriya Vidyalayas. All service Associations and principals Forum except AIKVTA have participated in the programmes enthusiastically. According to the news report, the AIKVTA decided to boycott the Silver Jubilee celebration as a protest against the delay in resolving the various issues.

The Government feels that the JCM, which has been set up by Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, is an adequate and appropriate forum for discussing demands of service associations.

Alleged Manipulations in selections of Principals for Kendriya Vidyalayas

286. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that interviews were held in November, 1988 for the posts of Principals of Kendriya Vidyalayas;

(b) if so, what are the details of those who have since been selected therefor;